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CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTIONS

Candidate Eligibility

In order to be eligible to hold the office of City Council member you must be a legally registered voter and resident of the Council District from which nominated at least 30 days immediately preceding the last day upon which candidates are permitted to file nominating petitions for such office with the City Clerk.

Residence

No person shall be eligible for nomination for election to any office who at the time of his or her nomination and election is not a legally registered voter of the City, and shall not have been a bona fide resident of the City for at least 30 days immediately preceding the first day upon which candidates are permitted to file nominating petitions for such office with the City Clerk.

Nomination Papers

Nomination papers may be obtained from the City Clerk Department beginning December 17, 2007, and must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on the 88th day prior to election day (January 11, 2008). A \$200 filing fee payable to City of Long Beach is due at the time nomination papers are filed. In addition to the filing fee, a candidate shall submit a petition containing the signatures of a minimum of 20 and maximum of 30 registered voters who reside in the district in which the candidate is seeking nomination.

In addition to the nomination paper, the following documents must be obtained and filed with the City Clerk in order to declare candidacy for elected office. All documents are to be submitted at the time of filing nomination documents:

- Declaration of Eligibility
- Statement of Economic Interests Form 700
- Candidate Information Form
- \$200 Filing Fee
- Nomination Petition
- Code of Ethics
- Ballot Designation Worksheet
- Statement of Acceptance or Rejection of Expenditure Limits
- Candidate Statement (candidate must file candidate statement or waiver stating he/she does not wish to include candidate statement in sample ballot pamphlet). There is a separate fee for the candidate statement

Dates to Remember

December 17, 2007 (Monday)
First day nomination petitions available.

January 11, 2008 (Friday)
Last day to file nomination petitions.

March 10, 2008 (Monday)
First day to request vote-by-mail ballot.

March 24, 2008 (Monday)
Last day to register to vote for April 8, 2008 election.

April 1, 2008 (Tuesday)
Last day vote-by-mail applications accepted.

April 8, 2008 (Tuesday)
Election day.

Campaign Disclosure Requirements

The Political Reform Act imposes certain duties and obligations on candidates, officeholders, committee treasurers and others participating in the political process. Contact the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) at www.fppc.ca.gov or call (866) 275-3772 for assistance with filing requirements.

Below is the Campaign Statement Filing Schedule for the April 8, 2008 Primary Nominating Election. Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.02 requires electronic filing of all campaign statements.

Filing Deadline	Type of Statement	Period Covered by Statement¹	Method of Delivery²
Jan. 31, 2008 Thursday	Semi-Annual	7/1/07 – 12/31/07	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Delivery• First Class Mail
Feb. 28, 2008 Thursday	First Pre-election	1/1/08 – 2/23/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Delivery• First Class Mail
Mar. 27, 2008 Thursday	Second Pre-election	2/24/08 – 3/22/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Delivery• Guaranteed Overnight Service
Apr. 4, 2008 Friday	Third Pre-election (required by L. B. Campaign Reform Act)	3/23/08 – 4/2/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Delivery• Guaranteed Overnight Service
24 Hours ^{3/}	Late Contributions and Late Independent Expenditures of \$1,000 or more	4/3/08 – 4/7/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Delivery• Telegram• Guaranteed Overnight Service• Fax
July 31, 2008 Thursday	Semi-Annual	4/3/08 to 6/30/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Delivery• First Class Mail

In addition to the original, signed campaign statement, all campaign statements must be filed electronically into the City's Electronic Filing System (EFS). All candidates will receive a log in and password from the Election Bureau.

Please contact the City Clerk Department if you have any questions regarding candidate qualifications or filing obligations.

General Municipal (Runoff) Election

In the event that no candidate for nomination to an elective office receives a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for nomination to such office at any primary nominating election, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for any given office at the primary nominating election shall advance to a runoff election to be held Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

¹ The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1 if no previous statement has been filed.

² Personal or guaranteed overnight delivery is required for officeholders/candidates, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose candidates or measures being voted upon on April 8, 2008. All others may file by first class mail.

³ The recipient of a late "in-kind" contribution must file a Late Contribution Report within 48 hours from the time the in-kind contribution is received.